

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

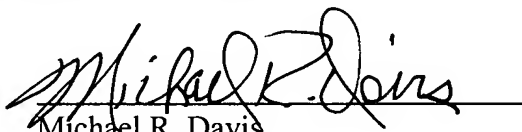
The Examiner takes the position that the claims remaining after the amendments made on May 25, 2005 are not readable on the elected invention because the amendment to claim 1 is directed to a final product that was restricted in Group II as a final product made in a process in Group II.

Accordingly, claim 1 has now been amended to reflect that “the solid reagent **is capable of reacting** stoichiometrically...”, thus reciting a property of the solid reagent, i.e. a characteristic of the solid reagent before the reaction with the starting compound actually occurs. The effect of this amendment is to clearly define that claim 1 is directed to the solid reagent itself, rather than a final product resulting from the reaction of the solid reagent with the starting compound.

Accordingly, the claims under consideration are now considered to be directed to a solid reagent, which is the subject matter of previously elected Group I. Further action on the merits of these claims is requested.

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